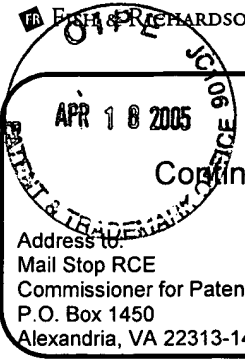


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First Named Inventor	Kalyan Handique et al.
Group Art Unit	1741
Examiner Name	Brian R. Gordon
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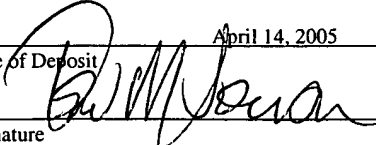
AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

A Notice of Appeal was filed January 5, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time are submitted herewith.

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